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In re Patent Application of:
Akira Sekine, et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF
CHEMICAL MATERIALS

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 9, please re-write lines 17-19 as follows:

Figs. 2(a) through 2(d) illustrate examples of the data structure of each database
in the system for comprehensive management of chemical substances in one embodiment
of the present invention;

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

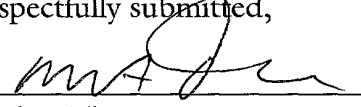
The above-identified application has been amended to to clarify the description of figure 2. Favorable action is solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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[Fig. 2 illustrates Examples (a to d)] Figs. 2(a) through 2(d) illustrate examples of
the data structure of each database in the system for comprehensive management of
chemical substances in one embodiment of the present invention;